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VISIT OF CHINESE DELEGATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the aim of enhancing military-to-military contact between the two countries, seven-member Chinese People`s Liberation Army delegation visited India in September, 2001;

(b) if so, the main points discussed in the meeting;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): As part of the existing Confidence Building Measures, military-to-military level exchanges have been taking place between India and China. Such exchanges are in the nature of goodwill visits and no formal discussions to resolve outstanding issues between two countries are held during such visits.

The visit by the Chinese delegation in September 2001 was a part of such exchanges.